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SUBJECT: RVOG TAKES A STAND

RELIABLE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF RVOG WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO
EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING:

1. RVOG BEING SUBJECTED TO CLOSEST CENSORSHIP. IT NOT EVEN
PERMITTED USE ENA MATERIALS WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING WITH "DIRG."
FOR EXAMPLE, IN WEEKEND'S (STANDARD) NEWS OF THE WEEK REVIEW
PROGRAM RVOG ORDERED EXCISE 30 SECONDS OF TAPE REPORTING
INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO EXECUTIONS. IT SUBSTITUTED "MUSICAL
STATEMENT" (VIZ., RENDITION OF SUITABLE HYMN) INSTEAD.

2. RVOG FEELS, ACCORDING SOURCE, THAT IT CANNOT PERMIT
ITSELF CONTINUE BE (MIS)USED BY CURRENT AUTHORITIES. ACCORDINGLY,
RVOG BOARD IN GENEVA HAS SENT NEGOTIATOR HERE WHO IS DUE TO MEET
WITH RELEVANT AUTHORITIES DECEMBER 2.

3. NEGOTIATOR WILL OFFER AUTHORITIES THREE OPTIONS:

(A) FREEDOM TO BROADCAST ETHIOPIAN NEWS, VIZ., RVOG
TREATMENT OF ETHIOPIA EQUIVALENT TO ITS TREATMENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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(B) IF THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE, SUSPENSION MEDIUM-WAVE SERVICE

TO ETHIOPIA AND PRESERVATION SHORTWAVE SERVICE
TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

(C) IF B IS ALSO VETOED BY ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES, RVOG
REPORTEDLY PREPARED ABANDON ITS OPERATIONS HERE.
CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR POSSIBLE REMOVAL RVOG FROM
ETHIOPIA SAID BY SOURCE BE UNDER PREPARATION NOW.
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